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Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government
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Notice to the Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government Concerning Proposed Financing by the City of Rocky Mount

In accordance with Section 120-157.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the City of Rocky Mount, North Carolina hereby notifies you of its intent to utilize an installment financing contract under North Carolina General Statute 160A, Article 3, Section 20. The total principal amount is not to exceed \$3,100,000. Of this total, approximately \$443,000 will be used for roof repairs for the City's Senior Center. This project consists of replacing the entire EPDM roof at the Rocky Mount Senior Center. The roof system will be upgraded to a PVC type roofing system, and the roof drainage system will be replaced. Repairs are necessary for continued safe operation of the center and ensures an even longer future for the center.

Approximately \$390,000 will be used to repair the roof for our Judicial Center which is necessary to maintain the integrity of the center. This project consists of removing the existing asphalt shingled roofing sections and replacing them with a raised metal roof. This project will focus on the roof systems over the multi-story portions of the facility. In addition to the roof, all gutters and fascia coverings will be replaced.

Approximately \$1,027,000 will be used for fire station improvements. The project will include significant improvements to Fire Stations #4 and #5. Both facilities are occupied by firefighters 24 hours per day, 365 days per year; therefore, they endure a great deal more wear than traditional structures that are residential in style but commercial in use. The facilities will receive improvements that include fire sprinkler systems, sheetrock repair/prep/painting throughout, updating of HVAC systems, & engine room floor resurfacing. Fire Station #5 specifically will receive an engine room expansion with upgraded bay doors and a roof replacement to offer longevity of facility use. These improvements are necessary due to the fact that both of these facilities are considered critical infrastructure for the Rocky Mount community.

The remaining \$1,240,000 will be used for a gas main project. Pfizer, located in the far north region of Rocky Mount, is the largest employer in Rocky Mount. Pfizer operates 24 hour operations five (5) days per week. Pfizer has approached Rocky Mount Energy Resources to provide natural gas above their current minimal usage. Currently Pfizer is served from a 6-inch main on Highway 301. The natural gas will be used to operate three boilers that will produce steam. Each boiler in operation will use approximately 150 DT per hour. Pfizer's intention is to have two (2) operational boilers with one reserve boiler. During most seasons, Pfizer will operate one (1) boiler full-time and one (1) boiler half-time. Total anticipated maximum usage is 3,600 DT/day per boiler. Pfizer will require 30 psig or less at the boilers. Rocky Mount's entire distribution system operates at 60 psig. Due

to the large anticipated load and Rocky Mount's current contract with Piedmont Natural Gas of 19,000 MCF/ day, Pfizer will be a large industrial interruptible customer. The required pipe size to sufficiently supply Pfizer is 8". The planned pipeline to be size 10" high density polyethylene pipe to allow for future load growth and to bolster the service pressure in the existing system. The City has an agreement with Pfizer whereas they will reimburse the capital cost of construction specifically for them with interest. A portion of the cost is for the City's expansion and will solely be paid by the City.

The City of Rocky Mount anticipates that the North Carolina Local Government Commission will consider approval of the issuance of this proposed debt at its meeting scheduled for June 4, 2019.

City of Rocky Mount, North Carolina

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